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SUBJECT: US-USSR OCEANS AGREEMENT: VISIT OF US NORPAX
DELEGATION (06.01)

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1. SUMMARY - U.S. NORPAX DELEGATION REPORTS NOVOSIBIRSK MEETINGS FAIRLY USEFUL IN GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH, AND EXCHANGING VIEWS ON, NORPAX ACTIVITIES WITH SOVIET OCEANOGRAPHERS. NON-SUBSTANTIVE RECORD OF MEETING SIGNED EXPRESSING INTEREST ON BOTH SIDES IN FURTHER CONTACTS. DELEGATION'S GENERAL IMPRESSION IS THAT SOVIETS STAND TO GAIN FROM PARTICIPATION IN NORPAX ACTIVITIES, AND ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ACCESS TO SUPERIOR US ON-BOARD SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT AND LARGE SCALE MODELLING AND COMPUTING FACILITIES. DELEGATION NOTED THAT SOVIETS, IN CONTRAST TO WESTERN OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMUNITY DO NOT PUBLISH ADVANCE CRUISE PLANS FOR THEIR RESEARCH VESSELS AND DO NOT PROVIDE LOGS TO WMO DATA BANK ON OCEAN DATA, TAKEN BY THEIR MERCHANT AND FISHING VESSELS. SINCE THIS INFORMATION FROM US AND OTHER WESTERN SOURCES IS READILY
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AVAILABLE TO SOVIETS THROUGH ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL CHANNELS, THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE SOVIETS BE PRESSED AT THE NEXT OCEANS AGREEMENT JCM TO RECTIFY THIS IMBALANCE.

2. DR. KLAUS WYRTKI AND OTHER MEMBERS OF US DELEGATION DEBRIEFED EMBASSY MAY 28 ON MEETINGS IN NOVOSIBIRSK

MAY 22-24. WHILE MILDLY DISAPPOINTED WITH SOVIET REFUSAL FOR VISITS TO VLADIVOSTOK AND MAGADAN, DELEGATION STATED NOVOSIBIRSK MEETING HAD BEEN USEFUL IN ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH SOVIET PACIFIC COAST OCEANOGRAPHERS. SOVIET INTEREST IN ASSOCIATION WITH NORPAX ACTIVITIES WAS VERY HIGH. SOVIETS PRESSED FOR EXCHANGES OF SHIP TIME IN NORPAX AREA WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS THAT US RESEARCHERS BRING WITH THEM THEIR SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT ON SOVIET VESSELS. DELEGATION COMMENTED SOVIET INTEREST IN THE INSTRUMENTATION APPEARED EVEN STRONGER THAN INTEREST IN THE RESEARCHERS THEMSELVES. SOVIETS ALSO PUSHED US DELEGATION TO PROVIDE US EXPENDABLE BATHOTHERMOGRAPHS FOR NORPAX USE. DELEGATION REFUSED, NOTING THAT THESE DEVICES ARE READILY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE WEST, ALBEIT FOR HARD CURRENCY. US DEL IMPRESSION WAS THAT SOVIETS DESIRE NORPAX CONTACT FOR MORE ACCESS TO SUPERIOR US ON-BOARD EQUIPMENT. US DELEGATION ALSO NOTED THAT COMPUTER FACILITIES AT NOVOSIBIRSK, WHICH IS DATA PROCESSING CENTER FOR SOVIET PACIFIC OCEAN RESEARCH, APPEARS A DECADE BEHIND SIMILAR US FACILITIES AND THAT SOVIETS WOULD GAIN MUCH IN BILATERAL EXCHANGE ON LARGE SCALE OCEAN ATMOSPHERE MODELLING. DELEGATION ALSO HAD IMPRESSION THAT SOVIET OCEANOGRAPHERS WERE ANXIOUS FOR NORPAX CONNECTION TO JUSTIFY TO THEIR AUTHORITIES THE VERY LARGE PACIFIC OCEANOGRAPHIC FLEET (SEVEN HYDROMET SERVICE VESSELS AND ONE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE VESSEL). MEETING CONCLUDED WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIGNING OF ANODZNE RECORD OF DISCUSSION STATING GENERAL INTEREST TO BOTH SIDES IN CONTINUING CONTACT ON NORPAX ACTIVITIES. DEL NOTED SUCH CONTACTS MAY BE RESUMED AT PACIFIC SCIENCE CONGRESS SCHEDULED FOR Khabarovsk IN SEPTEMBER 1979. US DELEGATION OPINED SOVIETS HAD LITTLE MORE TO CONTRIBUTE TO NORPAX THAN SHIP TIME AND IN VIEW OF CUMBERSOME AND RIGID SOVIET ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, US OCEANOGRAPHERS INTERESTED IN EXCHANGE WOULD FIND A BETTER BERTH ON SHIPS OF OTHER NATIONS ACTIVE IN NORPAX.

3. USDELEGATION STATED THAT IN DISCUSSION AT NOVOSIBIRSK SOVIETS WERE TOLD THAT US OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMUNITY HAD VIRTUALLY NO INTERPLAY WITH SOVIET PACIFIC RESEARCH SINCE USSR DOES NOT PUBLISH ADVANCE CRUISE PLANS FOR THEIR RESEARCH VESSELS. SOVIETS RESPONDED BY PROMISING TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION HOWEVER, MODALITIES WERE NOT SPECIFIED. US DELEGATION ALSO NOTED TO EMBASSY THAT LOGS OF DAILY METEOROLOGICAL AND OCEANS TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENTS ARE MADE ROUTINELY BY WESTERN MERCHANT AND FISHING VESSELS AND TRANSMITTED TO WMO DATA BANK FOR SUBSEQUENT USE IN LARGE SCALE OCEANS STUDIES SUCH AS NORPAX. US DELEGATION AWARE THAT SOVIET MERCHANT

VESSELS MAKE SUCH MEASUREMENTS AND BELIEVE THAT
SOVIET FISHING FLEET DOES TOO, HOWEVER, SOVIETS DO NOT
PROVIDE DATA LOGS TO WMO. US OCEANOGRAPHERS WOULD BENEFIT
FROM LEARNING HOW, AND IN WHAT FORM, SOVIET DATA IS
GATHERED AND STORED AND HOW TO GAIN ACCESS TO IT.

4. COMMENT. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT LACK OF PUBLISHED
ADVANCE INFORMATION ON SOVIET RESEARCH CRUISES AND
SOVIET NON-CONTRIBUTION TO WMO DATA BANK (TO WHICH THEY
HAVE ACCESS FROM CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHER NATIONS INCLUDING
THE US), CONSTITUTES FURTHER IMBALANCES IN THE OCEANS
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